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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, CENTO, CH, PK
SUBJECT: CHINESE WANT PAKISTAN TO STAY IN CENTO

1. ON JULY 14, EARLY IN UNDERSECY NEWSOM'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF PRC EMBASSY TIEN TING SOUGHT OUT AMB HUMMEL AT A RECEPTION TO EXPRESS PRC VIEW THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM CENTO. AMB INTRODUCED NEWSOM WHO WAS NEARBY, AND TIEN SAID THAT KENG PIAO HAD TOLD PAKS DURING RECENT VISIT TO ISLAMABAD THAT PRC WAS OF THE VIEW PAKS SHOULD STAY IN CENTO, BUT TIEN EMPHASIZED THAT KENG HAD NOT MADE ANY DIRECT REQUEST OF PAKISTAN. TIEN WANTED TO SUGGEST THAT UNDERSECY NEWSOM DURING HIS VISIT SHOULD ALSO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENT TO PAKS. AMB SAID NEWSOM INTENDED TO DO SO.

2. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, PRC'S DESIRE TO AVOID ANY GAIN BY SOVS THROUGH WEAKENING OR DEMISE OF CENTO OUTWEIGHS WHATEVER DOCTRINAL OBJECTIONS PRC MAY HAVE TO CENTO PACT.

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